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City of Salisbury to Participate in 50th Anniversary of Inauguration of President John F. Kennedy

Mayor Susan Kluttz to Address Salisbury High School Students Regarding Importance of Civic Engagement, Community Involvement, and Public Service

Salisbury, NC_January 3, 2011 – Mayor Susan Kluttz and the City of Salisbury will participate in a national commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy (JFK). The tribute, “JFK 50th: Mayors Ask What Youth Can Do,” has been organized by Caroline Kennedy, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Participating mayors will visit local middle and high schools and speak with students regarding President John F. Kennedy’s enduring legacy of public service and discuss opportunities for civic involvement and local community engagement. In addition, each mayor will provide insight regarding his or her personal path to public service and offer a glimpse at the role of municipal mayor. The outreach program will run for two weeks and precedes the fiftieth anniversary of the JFK inauguration on January 20, 2011.

Mayor Susan Kluttz will visit Salisbury High School and converse with students on the morning of Tuesday, January 4. Speaking on behalf of the Salisbury City Council, Kluttz shares, “It is truly an honor to have this opportunity to share the legacy of President John F. Kennedy with our students. Kennedy’s presidency inspired our nation through his spirit of optimism and his enduring belief in our country’s strength. His vigor and vision provide a constant reminder that there are innumerable opportunities for civic engagement available to us each day.” Mayor Kluttz notes that Harvard’s Institute of Politics has provided each classroom teacher with a copy of President Kennedy’s inaugural address, talking points for the address, and President Kennedy’s call to service. “Now more than ever, it is vitally important that we encourage community involvement and public service to our country. With the energy, enthusiasm, and vitality of our youth, the legacy of JFK will continue to provide inspiration and enduring hope for our great nation.”

The City of Salisbury and Mayor Susan Kluttz were recently recognized in the national publication of *U.S. Mayor* for participation in the JFK fiftieth anniversary program. Schools within the Rowan-Salisbury Schools may request a classroom presentation by Mayor Kluttz. For more information, please contact Salisbury City Hall at 704-638-5270.

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